## One Shining Moment

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Summary: After watching Villanova capture their first championship in 31 years, Otto and Twister join the 'Nova basketball team to create their own legacy and to follow their girlfriends. Follow Otto, Twister, Reggie and Clio as they go through college life, their basketball careers and the trials that come with it. Rated M for language and mature situations.

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\*\*Michael here with another 'Rocket Power' story for you! This will be a multi-part story based on the song 'One Shining Moment' by Luther Vandross, which is considered as the theme song to the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. Search up this year's version on YouTube and you'll see why. As said in my stories before...this is just fanwork here! ON WITH THE SHOW!\*\*

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>The date: April 4, 2016. The place: the Shore Shack. Everyone in Ocean Shores had gathered there to watch the 2016 NCAA Men's Basketball National Championship game, which was to be contested at Houston's NRG Stadium between the Villanova University Wildcats and the University of North Carolina Tar Heels. All of the televisions had the game on. The center unit had the TBS feed with Jim Nantz, Grant Hill and Bill Raftery in the booth and Tracy Wolfson on the sidelines. To the right was TruTV's Villanova 'Team Stream' broadcast (which Otto, Reggie, Twister, Sam, Trish and Clio were watching), featuring Villanova radio commentators Scott Graham and Brian Finneran, with Kacie McDonnell on the sidelines. To the left was TNT's North Carolina 'Team Stream', which Lars had his full attention on, being anchored by Wes Durham, Brendan Haywood and Dwayne Ballen. Tonight, one side would experience jubilation, as their team would be crowned champions, while the other side would have their dreams of a title put on hold for another year.

Oh, a little word about Otto, Twister, Reggie and Clio...they're all

top basketball prospects. After watching the 2003 National Championship Game, where Carmelo Anthony made it known that he was a force to be reckoned with as Syracuse blazed their way to the national title, it was then that the quartet knew what sport they wanted to go for after high school. They wanted to emulate Carmelo Anthony and see their faces on the famous 'One Shining Moment' video, played every year at the end of March Madness. And now, 13 years later, here they are - on the brink of that goal. Otto, Twister and Trish are 17, Sam is 16 going on 17, Reggie and Clio had just turned 18 and Lars was 20. However, Lars was the only one in college, as he was attending University of Southern California. Reggie and Clio had already committed to Villanova, no matter the outcome of tonight's game. Sam was to go to Stanford in the fall. As for Otto and Twister...they're going to let the outcome of tonight's game decide what school they'll go to.

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>The opening tip came at 9:20 PM Eastern. The 1st half was a back and forth battle. At one point, Villanova was up by as many as 7 points, but the Tar Heels came right back to take a 39-34 lead going into the halftime break.

"Well, that's just wonk!", Otto said.

"I know, dude! Otto and I really wanna be with you and Clio, Rocket Girl!", Twister exclaimed as he kissed Reggie.

"And you will, Twist. I guarantee that Villanova will win this game.", Reggie whispered to Twister, gently caressing his face.

"Speaking of which...Otto, Twister...what numbers have you decided on using if Villanova wins tonight?", Sam asked.

Otto and Twister smiled and nodded at each other, then turned back to Reggie, Trish, Sam and Clio.

"There's only one number I want, Sam...#15 for Ryan Arcidiacono.", Otto told everyone.

"You're actually gonna take over Arcidiacono's number?", Trish questioned.

"I am, Trish.", Otto began. "I'm gonna carry on Ryan Arcidiacono's legacy at Villanova.", he told Trish. Then he turned to Twister. "What about you, Twister? What number would you want?", he asked.

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>Twister looked to the skies and sighed, thinking back to February 18, 2001. On that day 15 years ago, he, Otto and Reggie were watching the 43rd running of the Daytona 500, when on the last lap, his favorite driver, Dale Earnhardt Sr., crashed while protecting the lead of Michael Waltrip and his son, Dale Jr. Waltrip won the race, as Reggie predicted, Jr. finished 2nd. But Dale Sr. never got out of his car. Instead he was rushed to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The world had lost a sports icon...and Twister had lost an idol. But he gained something more on that fateful February day. Twister got his first kiss from Reggie soon after hearing the

news that his favorite driver had died. Since then, Twister and Reggie have been all but inseparable. Now, they're boyfriend and girlfriend, hopefully going to the same college together. That will all hinge on what happens in the 2nd half of the game.

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>In the 2nd half, Nova came out strong, taking the lead early and jumping out to a 67-57 advantage with 4 minutes left in regulation.

"Don't blow this, Nova! My future with Rocket Girl's on the line here!", Twister shouted.

"Come on, Villanova! Win this for me and Clio!", Otto screamed.

"Trust in the heart of the cards, Wildcats! You can win this!", Reggie cheered.

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>North Carolina stormed right back, going on a 17-7 run to tie the game with 5 seconds to go. Everyone in the Shore Shack was on the edge of their seat, anxious for the final play, the final shot, the final outcome.

"Well Otto, Twister, Sam...this is what you do best. Take us through the final play.", Raymundo declared as he muted all the TVs, gave microphones to Otto, Twister and Sam...and let them call the final play.

"Thank you, dad.", Otto began. "Otto Rocket alongside Twister Rodriguez and Sam Dullard here for the 2016 Men's Basketball National Championship Game. Sam, 5 seconds left, down to the final play. Who's getting the final shot?", He asked Sam.

"If I was coach Jay Wright, I'd give it to Arcidiacono. He's been the star of this Villanova team for the past 4 years, give him one more shot to claim the championship.", Sam explained.

"No offense, Sam. But you've only got 5 seconds left, not enough time to get the ball inside, shot's going to be a 3. Kris Jenkins is going to get the ball.", Twister countered.

"We'll find out which one of you is right soon enough.", Otto began as the final play came into action. "They have to go the length of the court with Arcidiacono, Jenkins trailing. Down to 3 seconds at half court. Arcidiacono, gives it to Jenkins, launches it for 3, for the game...", Otto described as the shot went up on TV.

## (SWISH!)

"...HE GOT IT! KRIS JENKINS NAILS IT AT THE HORN AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 31 YEARS, VILLANOVA IS ON TOP OF THE COLLEGE BASKETBALL WORLD!", Otto shouted.

"Oh my god!", Sam exclaimed in disbelief. "That was just incredible, Otto!"

Twister smiled and turned to Otto. "I guess we know which school we're going to now, Otto-man!", he exclaimed as Clio and Reggie jumped up, ran to Otto and Twister and kissed them.

"Guess we'll be seeing you clowns at Villanova in the fall!", Reggie said to Otto and Twister.

"You can't get rid of us that easily, Rocket Girl.", Otto told his sister.

"Quick! Let's get the decision videotaped before 'One Shining Moment' comes on!", Raymundo exclaimed.

"You and I both know that's the little cuzzes favorite part of the tournament!", Tito added.

The Twister-Cam, being held by Sam, was ready. Everyone was gathered around Otto and Twister. Clio and Reggie blew kisses at their respective boyfriends, while Raymundo, Tito and Noelani flashed 'thumbs-up' at the duo. Then, Otto gave the signal to Sam to start rolling.

"Hi, everyone. I'd like to thank everyone from my coaches to my teammates...especially my best bro, Twister. You guys showed me the importance of working as a unit, so thank you. Sam, thanks for holding the camera down. I know it's the Twister-Cam, but thanks for holding it down. I'd like to give a big shout out to my parents - Ray and Noelani - for sacrificing so much for me and Rocket Girl over here. I'd also like to thank my sister, Reggie, or as I call her - Rocket Girl, for being the voice of reason in my life. Also, thanks to my loving girlfriend, Clio. To quote your favorite show, 'Austin and Ally', there's no way I could make it without you.", Otto began.

"I'd also like to thank my parents for sacrificing so much for me, Sam for holding my camera down and to my girl, Reggie. Love ya, Rocket Girl! This has been an extremely tough decision for the both of us. Each school was carefully considered and tonight, we have finally decided to choose.", Twister continued.

"This fall, we will be attending...", Otto started, leaving the audience hanging.

"...VILLANOVA!", Otto and Twister said in unison, holding up Villanova hats and their jerseys, numbered 15 and 3, respectively. As they put their jerseys and hats on, Clio turned to Reggie...

"Kiss ambush them, Reggie?"

"Oh, you know it, Clio!"

...they kiss ambushed Otto and Twister! It was then that Otto and Twister knew that this fall was going to be the start of something big.

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><strong>Well, that's part 1 of 'One Shining Moment'! I figured I'd write this while the VillanovaUNC National Championship Game was

fresh in my head, because that's how I got the idea for writing this. A little hint for a future chapter - Clio and Reggie will miss a season at some point due to...circumstances. For what circumstances...well, you'll just have to find out, won't you? STAY TUNED!\*\*

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